

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-10 with the following:

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/821,518, filed March 30, 2001, which claims priority to and the benefit of the filing date of Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/193,881, entitled "Variable Encryption Scheme for Data Transfer between Medical Devices and Related Data Management Systems," filed March 31, 2000; which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.